

May 8th is the start of Teacher Appreciation Week. Let's take this week to celebrate our Busy Bees Preschool staff!

Ever wonder what it takes to be a preschool teacher? Take a look at this to-do list!

To-Dos:

- ✓ Foster nurturing -relationships among children, parents', and teachers
- ✓ Offer a safe and warm environment that celebrates each child's skills, abilities, culture, and interests.
- ✓ Organize space, time, and activities to meet each child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical abilities.
- ✓ Recognize and respond to children's need for supports a mist the creating, exploring, engaging, and discovering.
- ✓ Turn daily activities into opportunities for children to successfully care for themselves and others.
- ✓ Infuse opportunities for children to see, use, and practice skills as they interact with their environment.
- ✓ Capitalize on children's innate curiosity using his or her interests and ideas to promote child-guided learning.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for children to develop and practice new skills each day.

With a compassionate eye, teachers see the talent and strength in each of their students. They diligently plan and energetically teach activities that promote discovery and exploration. They open children's minds to new ideas and new understanding. Teachers of young children create the path to life-long learning and success.

The Jefferson County Birth to Three Program is fortunate to have three dedicated and experienced teachers leading the Busy Bee and Early Intervention programming. Leah Riemer, Steffani Evans, and Tonya Buskager have developed a preschool setting that has been recognized for its high-quality programming.

Thank you, Busy Bees teachers, for all that you do!